

The historic Howe House
Overlooking the lake, the house serves as the park’s visitor center and administrative headquarters. It was designed and built by Haven B. Howe between 1876 and 1879. His wife was Catherine Cloyd, granddaughter of Thomas Cloyd, an Irishman who once owned approximately 7,000 acres including what was called Dunkard’s Bottom.

The house was built of handsome brick, kiln-dried on the premises. The circular dip in the right front yard suggests the outline of the old kiln. The timber for the interior woodwork of walnut, maple, birch and pine was felled in the surrounding virgin forest.

Mr. Howe was an early proponent of conserving the land and waters of the New River Valley and led a successful campaign to stop mining companies from discharging mine trailings directly into the New River. He also was a leader in conservation minded farming practices.

The lake was formed in 1939 with the completion of an Appalachian Power Company Dam and hydroelectric plant on the New River. William Graham Claytor, for whom the lake is named, was a Bedford County native and son of a State Senator, he served as both Vice President and Director of Appalachian Power and its parent company American Electric Power.

While at Claytor Lake...
Located just off of Interstate 81, Claytor Lake State Park is just minutes from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Dublin, Newbern, Pulaski and Radford. Each offers numerous shopping opportunities and conveniences such as theaters and restaurants.

Stop by the park office for more information. In addition, ask about nearby attractions such as the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern, the Long Way Home Outdoor Historical Drama in Radford, Shot Tower Historical State Park in Austinville and New River Trail State Park, which stretches through four counties while following the scenic and historic New River.

- Overnight rules**
- Overnight visitors must inform park staff of the names of visitors expected to arrive at the campsite or cabin area. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.
 - Pets are allowed in state park campgrounds and cabins. A fee will be charged per pet/night.

- Campground rules**
- Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure.
 - Registration for a state park campsite must be completed by a member of the camping party 18 years of age or older. This person accepts responsibility for the remainder of the camping party.
 - Campsites have been recently renovated for your comfort and to provide for the protection of park resources. All equipment and vehicles must be contained within the defined borders of the site. Additional vehicles must be parked in the lot located adjacent to the campground contact station, or the lot located in campground D.
 - State park campgrounds are intended for the use of the traveling public and not for extended or seasonal camping. The maximum camping stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.
 - Check-out time is 3 p.m. No camping units, vehicles or personal property may be left or allowed to remain on site after the termination of the permitted camping period.
 - Quiet hours posted in all state park campgrounds must be observed.
 - Fires must be confined to campgrills, campstoves or designated fire rings.
 - The washing of dishes or cooking utensils in restroom sinks is prohibited.

- Cabin rules**
- State park cabins are rented on a weekly and nightly basis. Check in time is 3 p.m. and check out time is 10 a.m. The weekly reservation period for cabins #1-6 begin on Saturday and cabins #7-12 begin on Sunday. Maximum cabin rental is two consecutive weeks. The nightly reservation period

- requires a two-night minimum stay. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, nightly reservations may be made no more than thirty days in advance, subject to availability.
- Up to two additional beds are available for a nightly charge. Maximum occupancy per cabin, with rental of two extra beds, is six people.
 - Two vehicles per cabin are permitted and must be parked in the designated parking spaces. Additional vehicles must be parked in the designated parking lots and are charged the standard parking fee.

Frequent visitors save money
Annual passes for parking and swimming offer the frequent visitor greater savings. Stop by the park office for details.

Virginia State Parks Reservation Center
To receive more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK (or in the Richmond calling area 225-3867).

Join us in the parks – DCR’s Volunteer Program
DCR offers diverse opportunities for volunteers in most state parks and natural areas throughout the state. Inquire at the park office for details.

For more information, contact:
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Dublin, Virginia

Virginia State Parks provide
A Natural Legacy
of outdoor activities and
programs. They are an important
part of DCR’s efforts to promote
a strong conservation ethic.
These efforts ensure that the
best of Virginia’s natural
resources will be protected and
available for future generations.

Welcome to Claytor Lake State Park. Many hours of recreation and relaxation await both the day visitor and the overnight guest. A combination of modern facilities and a variety of recreational activities promise to make your visit a memorable one. To make your visit safer and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following regulations:



Swimming and wading are allowed only in the designated area during operating hours. Shallow water hazards, steep drop-offs and boating traffic make other areas of our park unsafe for swimming or wading.



The public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.



Pets are permitted in all state parks. They must be kept at all times in an enclosed area or on a leash, not to exceed six feet.



The park is open for day use from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter in the proper receptacles.



Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters.



Amphitheatre



Boat Ramp



Cabins



Campground



Dump Station



Gazebo



Hiking Trail



Information and Registration



Interpretive Trails



Marina



Parking



Picnic Shelter



Playground



Restrooms



Shower



Swimming

Color coding and mileage for the trails at Claytor Lake State Park		
Miles	Trail	Color
.6	Shady Ridge	Red
1.6	Claytor Lake	Blue
.75	Bent Tree	White

